GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SHORTAGE OF CABLE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is shortage of cable in Kerala Telecommunications, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (BSNL);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria adopted by the Department in supplying cable to the different States; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to meet the requirements of the telephone exchanges?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRIMATI S MAHAJAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There was a requirement of 29.686 Lakh Conductor Kilometer (LCKM) of cable for the year 2002-2003Purchase orders were placed for 15.08 LCKM only because the complete tendered quantity of cable was not accepted by the bidders.

(c) Allotment of cable is done as per net switching capacity required to provide the prescribed target of Direct Exchange Lines (DEL).

(d) It has been planned to float tender for procurement of cable for the current year including the shortfall of the previous year of 2002-2003 subject to availability of funds.